

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine comprising a drill head which is supported on a pillar, and a base for supporting said pillar, as well as a power supply strand leading to said drill head, wherein an accommodation chamber is provided, which extends substantially longitudinally in the interior of said pillar, said power supply strand being arranged, at least sectionwise, in said accommodation chamber such that it extends substantially longitudinally, wherein in an area in which the pillar is mounted on the base and/or in an area in which the drill head is mounted on the pillar, a respective connectable separation point of the power supply strand is provided, and  
wherein the separation point is implemented as a releasable electrical plug connection.
2. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 1, wherein the power supply strand extends from the base to the drill head in the interior of the pillar drilling machine.
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5. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the plug connection is, at least sectionwise, provided in the interior of the pillar.
6. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the plug connection comprises at least one connector, which is prevented from moving in a direction opposite to the release direction of the plug connection by a tension relief relative to the pillar and/or the base and/or the drill head.
7. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 6, wherein the tension relief of a first connector relative to the pillar is a clamping profile provided on said first connector and/or said pillar.

8. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 6, wherein the tension relief of a second connector relative to the base or the drill head is a separate flange member that holds the second connector on said base or said drill head in a direction opposite to the release direction of the plug connection.
9. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the plug connection comprises at least one connector having at least one locating projection by means of which it is attached to the pillar or the base or the drill head in an oriented manner.
10. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein the plug connection comprises at least one plug comprising a fastening module and, separately therefrom, an electric connector module which is adapted to be releasably attached to said fastening module.
11. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 1, wherein a storage facility for the power supply strand is provided in the area of the base.
12. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 11, wherein the storage facility is implemented in the form of a cable spider or a cable drum.
13. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 1, wherein the base has provided therein at least one opening through which the power supply strand is led out of the area of the base.
14. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 13, wherein the opening is provided with a holding element which is adapted to be inserted in said opening and which includes at least one holding profile by means of which the power supply strand can be fixed at a predetermined position relative to said holding element.
15. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 1, wherein a flange member is provided by means of which the pillar is supported on the base such that it is centered relative thereto.

16. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 15, wherein a plug connection is arranged, at least sectionwise, in the interior of the flange member.
17. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 15, wherein the pillar and the flange member each include at least one hole through which one and the same fixing means extends at least sectionwise.
18. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 1, wherein the drill head is adapted to be rotated relative to the pillar and that a rotation limiting device is provided.
19. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 18, wherein a recess is provided on the pillar or the drill head and that a profile, which is adapted to be guided in said recess, is provided on said drill head or said pillar, the rotary movement being limited in that the profile comes into contact with the end portions of said recess.
20. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 19, wherein the recess is implemented as a groove extending transversely to the longitudinal direction of the pillar.
21. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 18, wherein between the pillar and the drill head, a releasable clamping means is supported by means of which the drill head can be prevented from rotating relative to the pillar.
22. (Currently amended) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 21, wherein the clamping means comprises two clamping elements which are of such a nature that the distance between them can be adjusted and each of which is adapted to be brought into clamping engagement with the ~~polar~~ pillar, said clamping means being radially supported on the drill head.
23. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 22, wherein the clamping means is provided with a screw mechanism by means of which the distance between said clamping elements can be adjusted.

24. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 22, wherein at least one of said clamping elements has a contact surface corresponding to the shape of the pillar.

25. (Previously presented) A pillar drilling machine according to claim 21, wherein the clamping means is accommodated in a hollow space of the drill head, which is intersected by a connection piece in which the pillar is accommodated sectionwise.